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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. The following submission is being filed in support of the RCE:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment/Reply After Final under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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